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Nippon Paint Holdings Co., Ltd.
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**Co-sponsorship for Tokyo Performance of the Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra
— Nippon Paint Holdings will co-sponsor the orchestra's first concert in Japan in
May 2020 —**

Nippon Paint Holdings Co., Ltd. (Head office: Kita-ku, Osaka City; President & CEO: Tetsushi Tado; hereinafter, "NPHD") is pleased to announce its co-sponsorship of the Tokyo Performance of the Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra to be held on May 8, 2020.



Founded in 1982, the Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra is headquartered in Shenzhen, China, the "Silicon Valley of Asia." They have won admiration from all corners of the world for their disciplined, delicate and bold performances, sustained by an enduring culture. 2020 marks the 30th year since Shenzhen was designated as a special economic zone and started to make great strides. In May 2020, the Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra will hold its much-awaited first performance in Japan. The main program conducted by Mr. Lin Daye, generally regarded as the top young Chinese conductor in both ability and popularity, will feature Dvořák's Symphony No. 9 "From the New World," reminiscent of the future of the new era of relations between Japan and China. To commemorate the 250th anniversary of his birth, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 will be performed with world-renowned pianist Mr. Fazil Say.

Aiming to become an industry leader that continues to create new value, NPHD has established overwhelming positions in Japan and other Asian countries and accelerated growth globally. Meanwhile, as described in its management philosophy, "the company engages in activities that contribute to society, fulfilling its responsibilities to local communities as a trusted corporate citizen." By supporting this concert, we will further expand our social contribution in the fields of music and art.

Message from Mr. Lin Daye, Music Director and Chief Conductor of the Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra:

“The entire orchestra is looking forward to our very first performance in Japan with excitement. With the orchestra’s establishment in 1982, this first performance in Japan next year will be an important milestone. Also performing with the orchestra at this concert in Japan is world-renowned pianist, Mr. Fazil Say. I hope that you will enjoy Dvořák’s Symphony No. 9 “From the New World,” one of his many masterpieces, performed in Shenzhen style. Shenzhen is known as a city with prominent companies that has achieved a tremendous level of economic development. However, I hope that through this performance in Japan, Shenzhen will become known not only as an economic powerhouse and high-tech city, but also for its rich culture.”



[Details of co-sponsorship]

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[Overview of Tokyo Performance]

- Date & time: Friday, May 8, 2020, curtain 19:00 (open 18:30)
- Place: Suntory Hall, Main Hall
- Conductor: Lin Daye
- Piano: Fazil Say
- Orchestra: Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra
- Program: Xianyi Zhang’s Motherland
Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 3
Dvořák’s Symphony No. 9 “From the New World”
- Tickets: S seats: ¥8,000, A seats: ¥6,500, B seats: ¥4,000 (includes tax)
Tickets go on sale on December 15, 2019
- Organizer: Almond Co., Ltd. (Representative Director: Ayuko Matsuda)
URL: <https://www.almond-music.com/>
- Sponsors: Embassy of the People’s Republic of China in Japan, and Japan-China Economic Association

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